

SITE OF FELIX DE ARMAS HOUSE
513 ROYAL ST.
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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(A certain lot of ground, together with all the buildings and Improvements thereon; situated in the 2nd. district, Square #62, bounded by Royal, St.Louis, Bourbon and Toulouse streets, and designated by the No. 4, (City Engr's Map) and measuring 20.42' front on Royal street, with a first depth on the side line toward Toulouse street of 53.29', thence narrowing at an angle of 45 degrees toward St.Louis street 7.36' and with a farther depth of 32.55'; a width in the rear of 16.06; thence on a line parallel to St.Louis St. of 93.2')

Present Owner: Jules L. Alciatore, et al.

Note: For the completion of this chain see the file on #519 Royal street, in which reference is made to an act passed before Felix de Armas, Notary Public, April 11, 1828.

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The existing house at this site is three-story brick, in the prevailing style of the 1890's.

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Paxton's Directory, 1830:

DE ARMAS, Felix, notary public, 139 Royal, d. 52 Toulouse.

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Information in
Cemetery File

Information in
Index to Wills and Successions 1807-46
Civil District Court

De Armas ST. LOUIS #1
Mr. Felix Nicolas Nicasio
Born Oct. 11, ?
Husband of Catherine Elizabeth de Alpente
Son of Dn Christoval de Armas
and Dame Marie Amiraud Duplessis
Died Oct. 16, 1839

Site of Felix de Armas home, 513 Royal Street

The existing three story brick building is in the style of 1890's. This site was formerly occupied by a two-story brick house of three rooms built in 1827 by Wm. Nott and Company and occupied by the prominent notary public, Felix de Armas, whose wife belonged to the prominent de Alpuente family.

Part of the fabric might suggest a building of 1830, of which a photograph exists.

In the Louisiana State Museum there is an old photograph (DR - 12 - 646) showing a portion of this building. The balcony has improvised wood supporting columns, a wrought iron rail and no canopy. One show case, coming down to the sidewalk, is shown, suggesting that there was another on the other side of the entrance. On the second floor, one opening is shown, blinds down to the floor, and jack arch.

Summary, 513-519 Royal Street

William Nott & Company acquired both properties August 20, 1821, from Amory & Callender for \$6,500.00. However, in April 1828 William Nott and Joseph Abat had a transfer and a retrocession, and in the former, April 11, 1828, Act #467 before Felix de Armas, N.P. (in file), the buildings on both properties are thoroughly described. They seem to be the same as those now standing. There were said to be "three large brick warehouses, two of which were built very recently." 513 Royal is said to be "newly built".

Amory and Callender acquired from Winter and Harmon, who in turn acquired a portion 30 feet from on Royal by 180 feet deep (519 Royal Street), from Antonio Peytavin, May 10, 1805. Winter and Harmon acquired the site of 513 Royal Street, June 4, 1805, from Louis Dusuan.

Antonine Peytavin acquired site of 519 Royal Street December 13, 1774, before Pierre Pedesclaux, N.P. from Paul Honore Second. Mr. Butler has not been able to find this Act, therefore we cannot say what buildings were on the lot at that time. It is entirely possible that whatever was there, was burned in the great fire of December 24, 1794, in which the buildings on the lot in the rear of this lot, were burned.

Though this building has been much remodeled, the detail of the rear porch with moveable blinds suggests that this portion may date to the building that Amory & Callender acquired from Samuel Winter and Thomas L. Harmon.